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Title: Massive disaster at a hospital in Kolkata, West Bengal.

DR. RATNA DE (HOOGHLY): Mr. Chairman, as the House is aware, a massive disaster took place on 9 th December 2011 in a renowned hospital in the southern part of Kolkata. Fire broke out at the basement of that renowned hospital and took away the lives of a hundred people. Our hon.Chief Minister, Kum. Mamata Banerjee, handled the situation very efficiently from dawn to midnight and all the post-mortems were done in a single day by the Forensic Department of the SSKM Hospital. The bodies were identified and handed over to the relatives of the deceased under her close supervision.

I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister of Information Technology that there are two branches of quality control of India; one is the National Accreditation Board for Healthcare and the other is the National Accreditation Board for Laboratories. The National Accreditation Board for Healthcare is giving accreditation to hospitals. It was reported in *Anand Bazar* newspaper in Kolkata on 12th December that NABH can give the accreditation to hospitals. But that was not informed to the concerned Government. I would request the hon. Minister that henceforth all the information should be received by the concerned Government immediately, so that proper measure can be taken by the Government. The irony is that a hundred people died due to the omission and commission.